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REMINDER: LEEC GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 17

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries' Environmental Education Commission (LEEC) is now accepting proposals for their 2014-2015 Grants Program. The three categories of grants include educator, professional development and university research grants. Find more information on the LEEC Grant Opportunities page, <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/grant-opportunities>.

The submission deadline for each of these grants is **March 17, 2014**.

Applications will be accepted via electronic submission only.

LEEC STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO HOST PLAYMAKERS PERFORMANCE

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission has an exciting offer for selected K-5 schools! Playmakers of Baton Rouge has partnered with LEEC to create and present an educational play focusing on *watersheds*.

Zoe's Watershed Adventure will be offered to selected underserved schools in Louisiana **free of charge!**

Apply at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/playmakers>.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS STUDENT ART & LANGUAGE ARTS CONTEST DEADLINE IS APRIL 25, 2014

Louisiana's 12th Environmental Awareness Student Art & Language Arts Contest. This year's theme is "Watersheds From My Back Yard to the Ocean."

Louisiana students ages 5-18 are invited to submit visual or written work centered around the theme. Entries will be judged; winners will receive a cash prize and be featured in our 2015 calendar.

View the contest website [here](#).



Last year's 1st place - age 11-13 - Trence Robertson

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

THIS WEEK AT THE INTERIOR

The latest installment in the video series produced by the U.S. Department of the Interior shows the powerful impact that national parks have on local and national economies; NPS projects a peak bloom date for Washington DC's world-famous cherry blossoms; Interior has a new Deputy Secretary; the President releases his FY 2015 budget request for Interior; and Secretary Jewell touts public-private partnerships during a visit to Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

View the brief, 3:30 video at <http://youtu.be/7EuvbsvTvG4>.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

EARN UP TO 6 CEUS AT RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Enjoy two sessions of professional development on April 4, 2014 at Red River National Wildlife Refuge in Bossier City, including the 9 a.m.—12 p.m. “Welcome to Swamper’s Swamp,” teaching Common Core literacy skills with a storybook and puppet, and 1-3 p.m. session “Importance of Wetlands,” focusing on environment populations with fun activities. Seats are limited. See [this flier](#) for registration information.

LDWF CO-HOSTS EDUCATOR WORKSHOP AT INTERNATIONAL SEA TURTLE SYMPOSIUM

The 34th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation, <http://iconferences.seaturtle.org/>, will take place April 10-17.

Attend the educator workshop demonstrating how to incorporate sea turtle information, conservation issues, and activities into programs for all audiences grades K-12. Participants receive materials to share. The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 12, 2014 at the New Orleans Marriott.

See the workshop flyer [here](#).



Hawksbill turtle, image courtesy commons.wikimedia.org.

ATTEND WETSHOP 2014 AT LDWF MARINE RESEARCH LAB IN GRAND ISLE

WETSHOP is a week-long, dynamic teacher workshop that allows teachers to work with educator/scientists to learn about Louisiana coastal wetlands, issues and history. The focus of the summer workshop is to create wetland stewards of teachers in order for them to educate co-workers and students in their home parishes about coastal land loss. Fifty-five professional contact hours will be accrued upon the completion of this wetland institute.

WETSHOP, to be held **July 6-11, 2014**, is available to 20 educators. Enrollment fee is just \$50.

Event highlights include:

- Fisheries management; research trawling, seining
- Barrier islands and their role in coastal health
- Coastal Botany & Ornithology (visit Brown Pelican rookery)
- Water Quality Testing along fresh to salt water gradient
- Visit transitional Coastal Ecosystems
- Tour one of the largest oil ports in U.S.
- Visit coastal restoration site / Oil Spill impact sites
- Invasive Species (role in coastal land loss)



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